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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6797**

**BILL NUMBER: SB 491**

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 10, 2015

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** School Emergency Response Systems.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Boots

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Pending

**Summary of Legislation:** *School Emergency Response System-* The bill requires the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to establish minimum standards and approve best practices not later than July 1, 2016, for a school emergency response system. The bill creates an advisory committee consisting of law enforcement officials and a deputy director of the DHS to advise the DHS in establishing the standards. The bill requires, beginning July 1, 2016, the DHS to review and approve a school corporation's: (1) plans and specifications; and (2) use of the DHS's best practices; if the school corporation purchases, installs, or implements a system.

*Indiana School Emergency Response System Fund-* The bill creates the Indiana School Emergency Response System Fund (SERSF) to provide matching grants to schools to pay the costs of purchasing, installing, and implementing a system. The bill provides that: (1) each matching grant may not exceed \$125,000; and (2) a school may receive two matching grants annually. The bill imposes fees on: (1) the retail sale of firearms and ammunition; and (2) handgun licenses; for deposit in the SERSF.

*School Emergency Response System Loans-* The bill allows a school corporation to obtain a loan (not to exceed \$50,000) from the Counter-Cyclical Revenue and Economic Stabilization Fund for the costs of purchasing, installing, and implementing a system.

*Capital Projects Fund-* The bill allows a school corporation to use money from the school capital projects fund to pay: (1) the costs of a system; or (2) advances on a loan from the common school fund to pay for a system.

*School Corporation Emergency Response Fund-* The bill requires each school corporation that wants to

purchase, install, and implement a system to establish a school corporation emergency response system fund. The bill allows a school corporation to collect one or both of the following: (1) A student safety fee, not to exceed \$20 per year, for each student of a school. (2) A public safety fee, not to exceed \$10 per month on each parcel of real property located within the school corporation district that ends on the earlier of the following dates: (A) The bill when the school board determines sufficient funds have been collected to further its program of purchasing, installing or implementing emergency response systems in the school corporation. (B) 60 months. The bill requires that a student safety fee or public safety fee collected by a school corporation must be used to pay for the purchase, installation, and implementation of a system, or to provide matching funds for grants to pay for the purchase, installation, and implementation of a system.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2015.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** *As of the above date, the fiscal analysis of this bill has not been completed. Please contact the Office of Fiscal and Management Analysis for an update of this fiscal impact statement.*

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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